Minnesota Energy Code & IAQ

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QUALITY INDOOR AIR

Is quality indoor air a concern to the average homeowner or building occupant?

Yes

Quality indoor air is or should be a concern to not only the occupants, but to builders, building officials and design professionals like.

INDOOR AIR QUALITY

The E.P.A. lists indoor air quality as the 4th largest environmental threat to our country

People spend two-thirds of their lives in their homes.And 90% of their life indoors

So indoor air quality is very important for the health and well-being of building occupants and the building alike

INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Poor indoor air quality can result in structural rot in walls, attics and around fenestration products.

As well as a health concern for the occupants

What do most homeowners do to address their own indoor air quality?


Lysol
Renuzit
Wizard
stick ups
PLUGINS
Duet
CLOROX
Scotch Brite


Glade
PLUGINS
Double Strength
For Large Rooms
BOTANICAL GARDEN
Glade
PLUGINS
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Double Strength
For Large Rooms
BOTANICAL GARDEN
GLADE PLUG IN 01/01/01 PC
$3.19 PER EA
PLUGINS 06/11/01 DC
$3.19 PER EA

Why do we need to be so concerned with quality indoor air today? We never used to worry about it at all.

Building envelope components, appliances and lifestyles of the occupants have changed

So Buildings and their construction have changed.

BUT WHY?

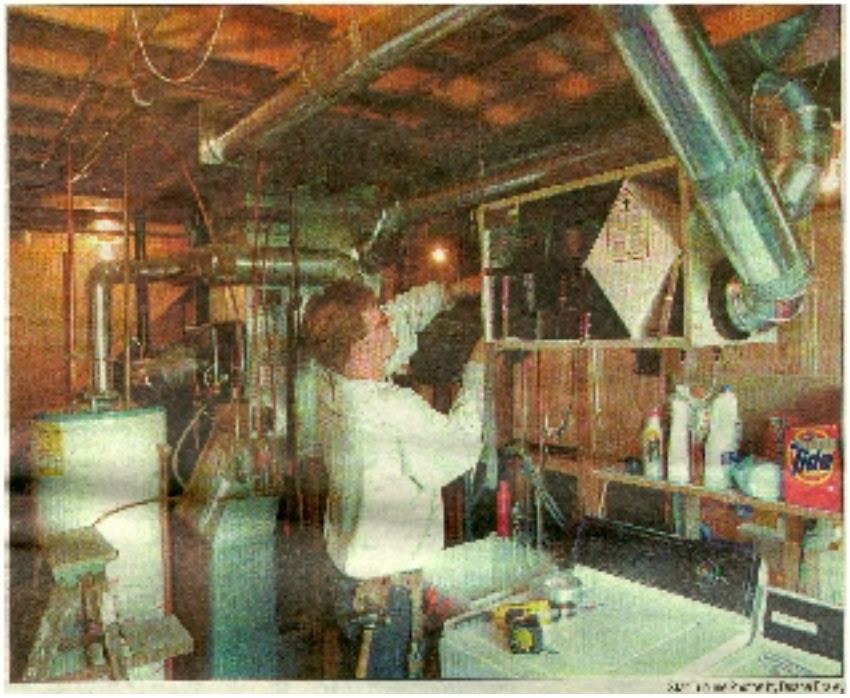
Why have buildings changed?

Occupant expectations

- Temperature & Humidity
- No drafts
- Energy Efficiency
- High exhaust appliances

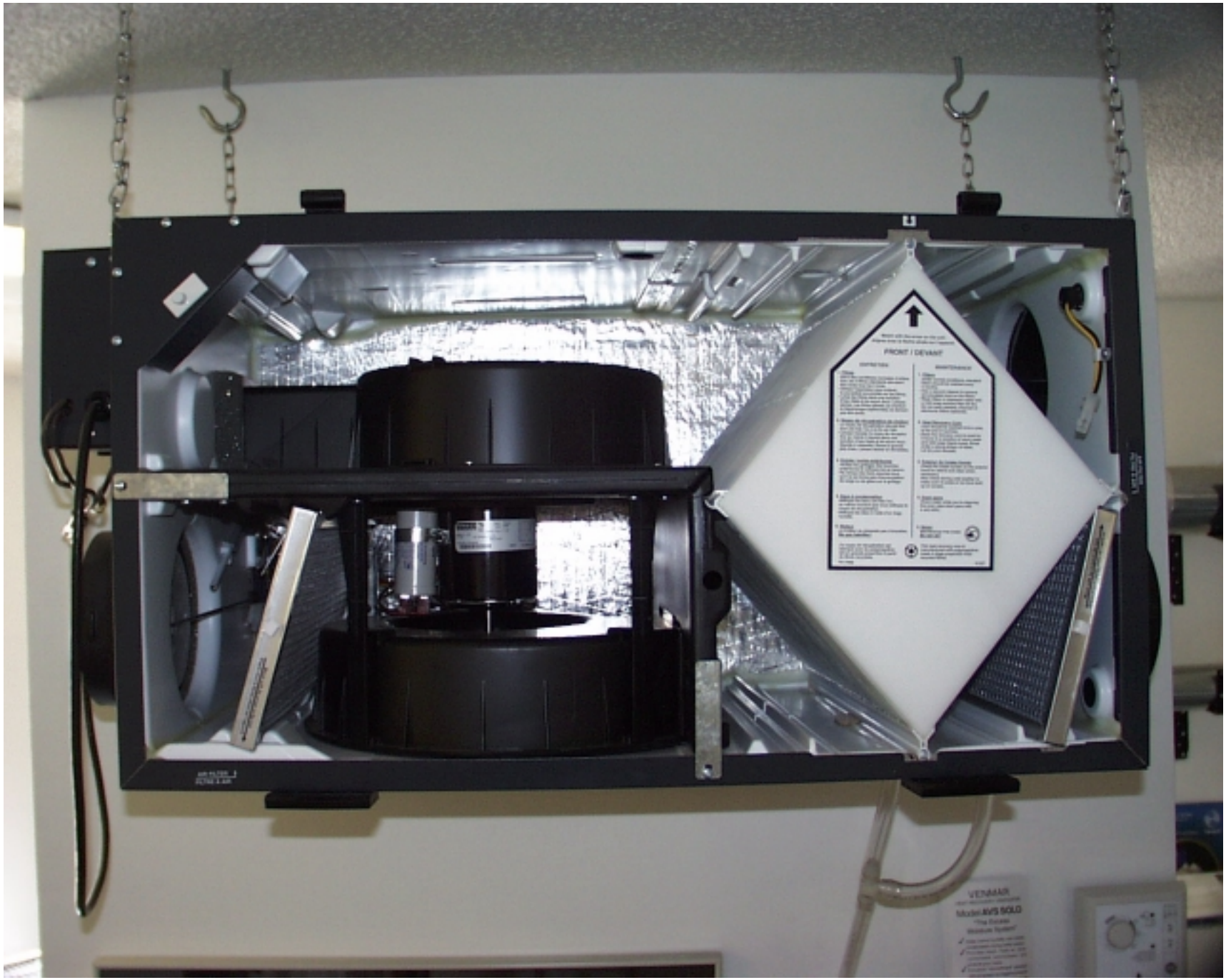
Houses must be built tight

and ventilated right



A well sealed, well insulated, mechanically ventilated home is essential for comfort, building durability, and energy efficiency….

If installed and maintained properly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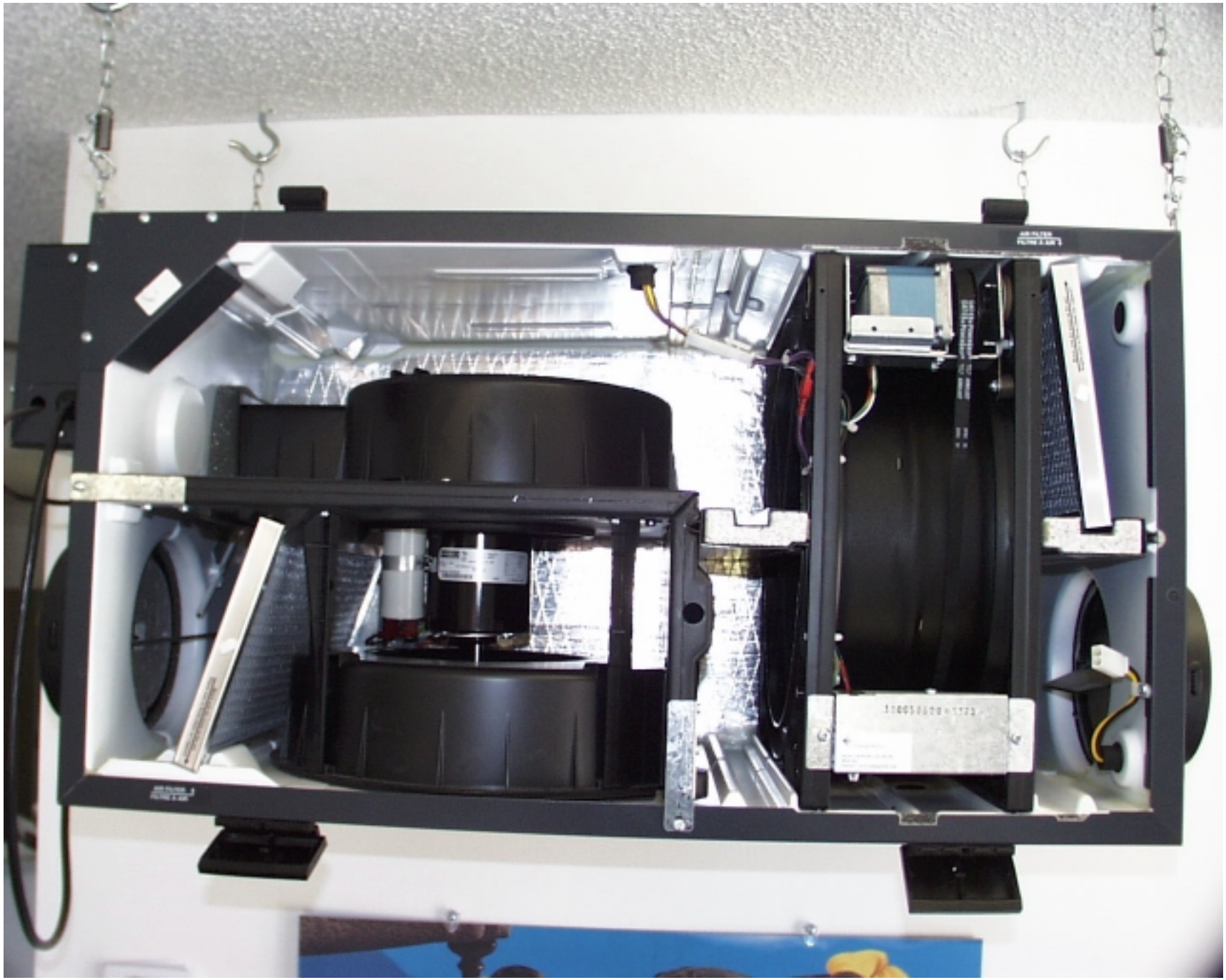

The 2000 Minnesota Legislature Gave Two Options for Energy Code Compliance

- Build to Option A (Chapter 7670)
- Build to Option B (Chapter 7672)
- Which one should we build to? Is one better than the other?

How much will the choice made cost?

Cost Elements

- Savings on callbacks may offset the additional costs of air tightness, ventilation, and protection against excessive depressurization.

Common Callbacks in Residential Buildings

- Ice Dams
- Freezing pipes
- High heating and cooling bills
- Indoor air quality
- Attic moisture problems
- Severe window condensation
- Backdrafting of combustion equipment
- Smelly fireplaces
- Drafts

IN SUMMARY

Build a tight energy efficient home that has a properly installed and maintained ventilation system.

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Protect against excessive depressurization.

To do this **WE** need to provide good information and education to builders, owners and design professionals alike

And **THEY** need to spend time on the front end of a project to design a quality energy efficient and safe building to live in

AND THEN BUILD TO THE DESIGN